



PASSIFLORA EDULIS. THE PASSION FRUIT.

The passion fruit growing as a crop plant in Queensland, Australia, from a photograph furnished to Vice Consul-General Henry D. Baker by the Agricultural Department of Queensland, and by him forwarded in connection with a report made at the suggestion of Mr. Alexander Graham Bell on the cultivation of this fruit in Australia. The passion fruit can be grown like a grape on trellises, and may be grown from seed or cuttings. Grows well in any ordinary open soil if well manured. Profits are reported to run from \$100 to nearly \$300 per acre annually, and the cultivation is very simple. The vines should be renewed after five years. Hence it is often used as a catch crop in young orchards, being removed as the fruit trees come into bearing. Might be used thus to advantage in Southern Florida and California. May also perhaps be advantageously crossed with the native American edible species, *Passiflora incarnata*, the fruit of which is known as may-pops.